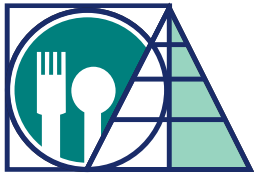


Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program





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Introduction

Evolution of our research program

Program Development

Outreach
Food and Nutrition Service
Government Agencies
Private organizations

Workshop

National Academy of Sciences

Resource Redirection

Management
Personnel

Data Requirements

Data and Research
Program and Research Agencies

Program Principles

Successful program must have a solid foundation

- Research that meet the needs of all clients — program participants, USDA, Congress, and the public.
 - Integrated, comprehensive program that conducts research in the broader context of the current and future economic and social environments.
 - Broad array of public and private entities directly involved in the research, evaluation, and review efforts.
 - Integration of ERS staff expertise in the development, implementation, and accomplishment of research projects.
 - Scientifically rigorous studies and evaluations with verifiable and unbiased results.
 - Rigorous internal and external review of research results.
 - Public availability of data.
 - Wide distribution of research findings.
 - Development and maintenance of continuous data sets.
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Clientele

Participants, USDA, Congress, and the Public

Broaden Scope
But Shape Focus on Program Needs

Program Themes

Measuring outcomes and meeting policy needs

Dietary and Nutrition Outcomes

Access to and choice of healthful diets
Nutrition and health

Program Targeting and Delivery

Success at servicing needy, at-risk populations
Program gaps and overlays
Urban-rural delivery
Waste, fraud, and abuse

Program Forecasting and Budget Analysis

Economic growth, recession, inflation
Program interactions
Projections of budgetary needs
Programs and local economic conditions

Program Blueprint

Meeting today's needs and addressing tomorrow's issues

ERS/FNS Priorities

Congressionally Mandated Studies

Family day-care homes
Work slots
Food Stamps and dietary supplements
Nutritional impact of more beef, lamb, and chevon in school lunches

Common Research Projects

Food security
Data purchases
Improve measures of food security (competitive grants contracted by ERS)
Evaluation of privatization demo
Emergency feeding
WIC and childhood development
Nutrition risk followup
Nutrition education evaluation
Reengineered welfare systems
WIC program efficiency

- Food and nutritional information center
- Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT)
- Prevalence of trafficking in Food Stamps
- Expanded measures of customer service under EBT
- Technical support to implement and evaluate computer matches

Unfunded FNS Priorities

- WIC infant feeding followup
- Child and adult care food program integrity
- Store management practices

Specific Differences Between ERS and FNS Projects

- Immigrants study
- Summer food service program
- Workfare and time limits
- Small grants

ERS Projects

- Link food assistance programs to food system, rural areas, economy
- Assess links between diet quality and health
- Assess and evaluate nutrition and health outcomes of programs
- WHO infant growth chart
- WIC reporting in CDC surveillance systems

Data Development and Analysis

Tomorrow's questions, program interactions, and broader policy issues

- CSFII
- NHANES
- PSID
- Supermarket scanner data

Funding Mechanisms

Competition and transparency

- Contracts
- Competitive Grants
- Cooperative Agreements
- Small Grant Research Programs

Future

Research for sound policy decisions

- Continuity
- Cooperation
- Focus